

Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A composition of matter of the formula



wherein:

F^1 is selected from the group consisting of an Fc domain, a linear polymer, a branched chain polymer, a lipid, a cholesterol group, a carbohydrate, an oligosaccharide, a natural protein, a synthetic protein, and a polypeptide or peptide that binds to a salvage receptor;

X^1 and X^2 are each independently selected from $-(L^1)_c-P^1$, $-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2$, $-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2-(L^3)_e-P^3$, and $-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2-(L^3)_e-P^3-(L^4)_f-P^4$

P^1 , P^2 , P^3 , and P^4 are each independently

- i. the consensus region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 16);
- ii. the consensus region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO: 7); or
- iii. the TACI/BCMA extracellular consensus sequence (SEQ ID NO: 13)

P^1 , P^2 , P^3 , and P^4 are not the extracellular region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 15) or the extracellular region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO: 6);

L^1 , L^2 , L^3 , and L^4 are each independently linkers; and

a, b, c, d, e, and f are each independently 0 or 1, provided that at least one of a and b is 1, and wherein neither X^1 nor X^2 is naturally occurring; and

the composition of matter is a specific binding partner for AGP-3 or APRIL.

Claim 14 (original): The composition of matter of Claim 13 of the formulae



or



Claim 15 (original): The composition of matter of Claim 14 of the formula

$$F^1-(L^1)_c-P^1.$$

Claim 16 (previously presented): The composition of matter of Claim 14 of the formula

$$F^1-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2$$

wherein one of P^1 and P^2 is a specific binding partner for AGP-3 and the other is a specific binding partner for APRIL.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The composition of matter of Claim 16, wherein F^1 is an Fc domain.